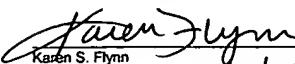


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**Serial No.: 09/633,970**

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR TICKET VOUCHER FLOW CONTROL IN  
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Sir:

This is in connection with the October 18, 2000 Notice to File Missing Parts, having a 2-month term that will expire on December 18, 2000.

Applicants respectfully point out that they have already completed (as of August 25, 2000) all filing requirements, namely the submission of an executed Declaration and a \$130.00 check after the filing of the subject application.

In support of completion, Applicants are enclosing a photocopy of each of the following items:

1. August 25, 2000 letter entitled "Completion of Filing Requirements" and reflecting a Certificate of Express Mail transmission dated August 25, 2000;
2. Executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, the original having been an enclosure with the "Completion of Filing Requirements";
3. Cancelled check in the amount of \$130.00 for the missing parts surcharge, the original check having been an enclosure with the "Completion of Filing Requirements"; and

4. Return-receipt postcard reflecting (a) the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's date stamp of August 28, 2000 for their receipt of the "Completion of Filing Requirements" and its enclosures and (b) a date stamp of September 1, 2000 for the receipt by the undersigned attorney of the return-receipt postcard.

Accordingly, all filing requirements were completed as of August 25, 2000, and the mailing of the October 18, 2000 Notice to File Missing Parts is apparently inadvertent on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy the Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed as per the requirements for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice to File Missing Parts be withdrawn.

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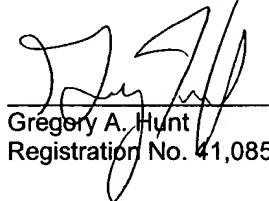
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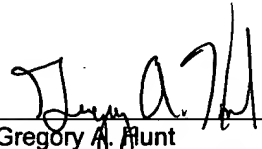
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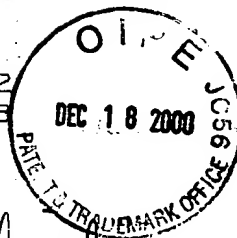
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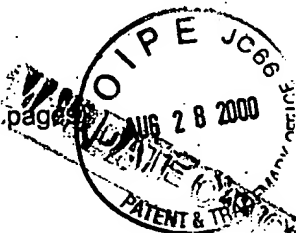
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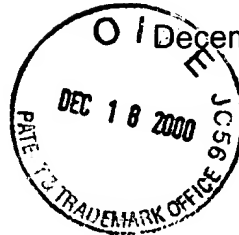
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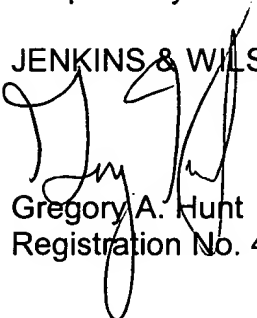
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